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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC

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THE HEDGEHOG



CAN
SONIC
WIN...



...AGAINST
ULTIMATE POWER?

WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
YOU'RE GOING TO
**DESTROY
KNUCKLES?!**

HE IS
NO LONGER
KNUCKLES! NOW
HE IS ONLY
ENERJAK!

DESPERATE TIMES

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JULIE-SU
Knuckles' Girlfriend



ENERJAK
Knuckles turned Villain



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius

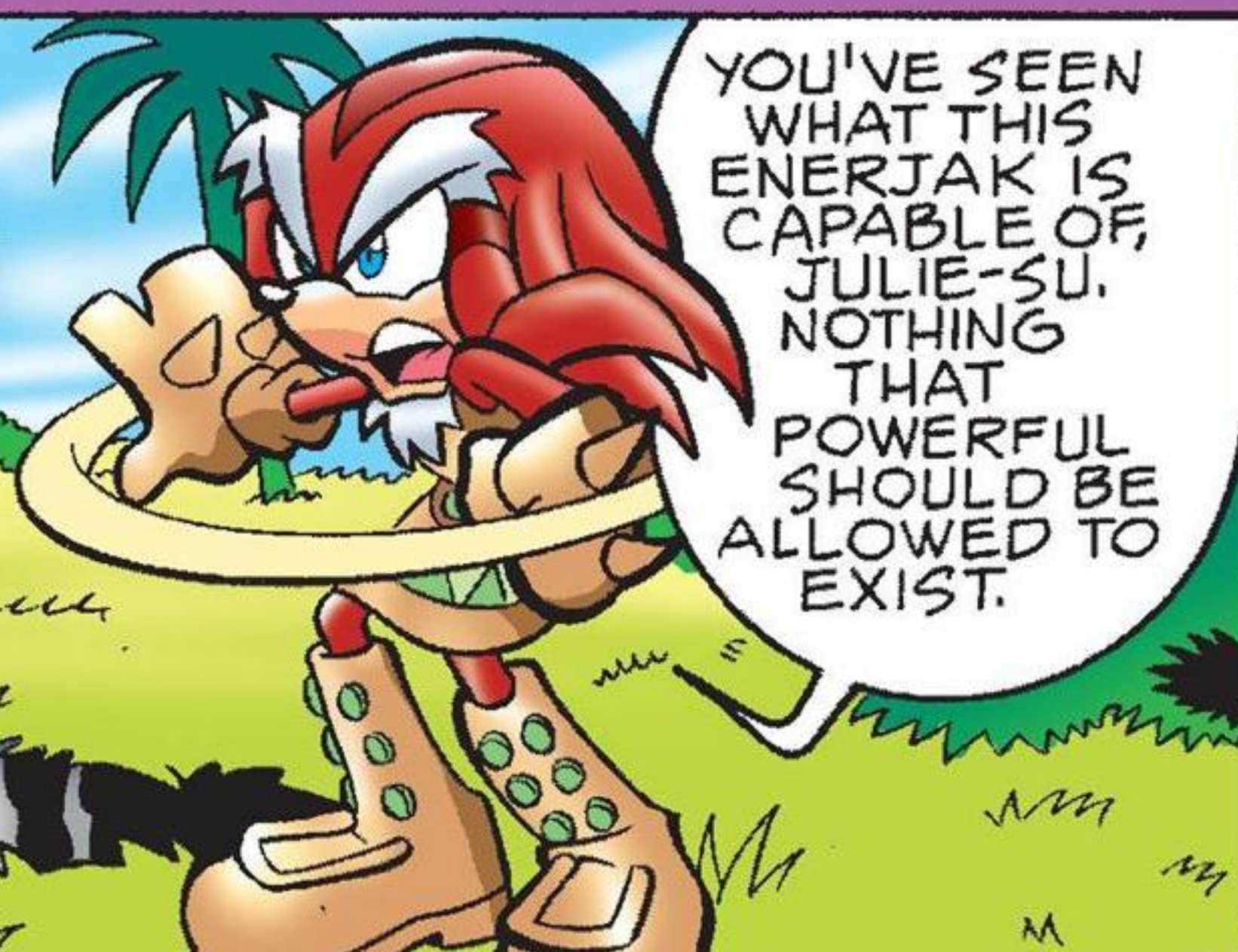


LOCKE
Knuckles' Father



SHORTLY AFTER ENERJAK'S LAST APPEARANCE*, THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS CRAFTED A WEAPON THAT WOULD DESTROY HIM IF HE EVER RETURNED.

*BACK IN THE CLASSIC KNUCKLES # 7!



YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THIS ENERJAK IS CAPABLE OF, JULIE-SU. NOTHING THAT POWERFUL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXIST.

I DON'T CARE WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED TO ME! KNUCKLES OBVIOUSLY ISN'T IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF. WE SHOULD BE HELPING HIM, NOT DESTROYING HIM!



THE WEAPON IS A PERFECTLY HUMANE WAY TO...



NO, IT'S--! SONIC! BACK ME UP HERE!

I DUNNO, 'SU. I THINK I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT LOCKE'S WEAPON.





MEANWHILE, IN NEW
MEGAOPOLIS...

MWA-HA-HA-HA!
LOOK HOW THE
MIGHTY HAVE
FALLEN!

THE "ALL-POWERFUL"
ENERJAK IS NOW MY
PERSONAL CHAOS-
POWERED BATTERY!

AND SONIC
HONESTLY
THOUGHT I
WAS THERE
TO HELP HIM!*

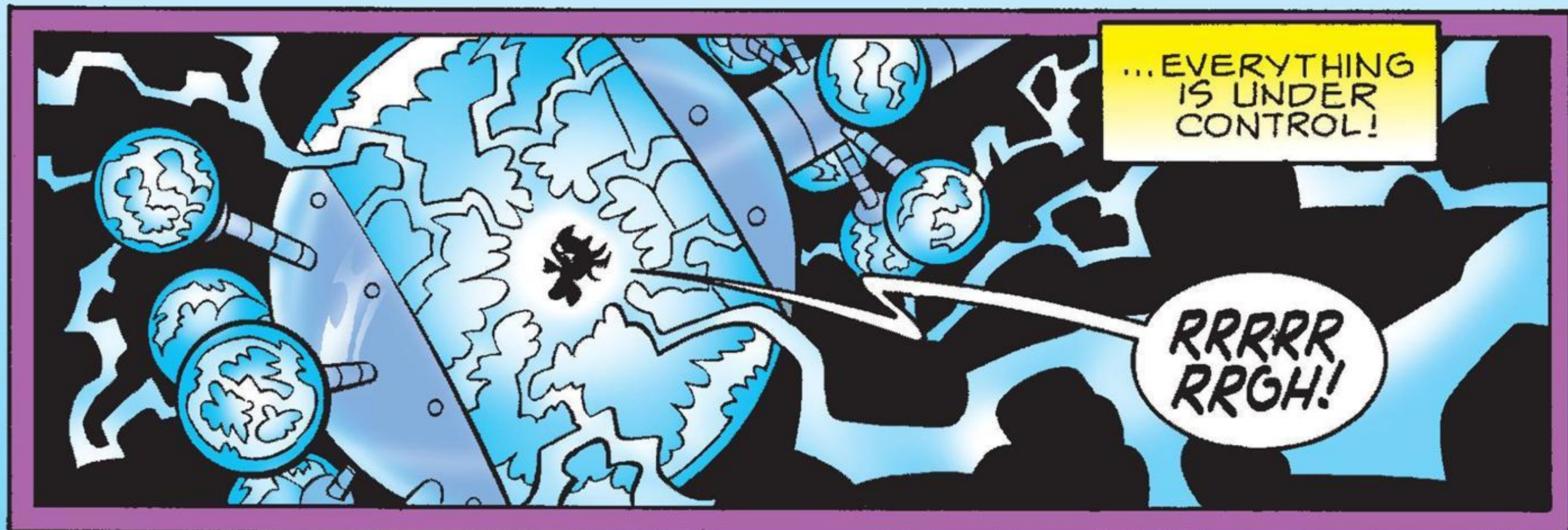
*SORT OF--SEE
LAST ISSUE!

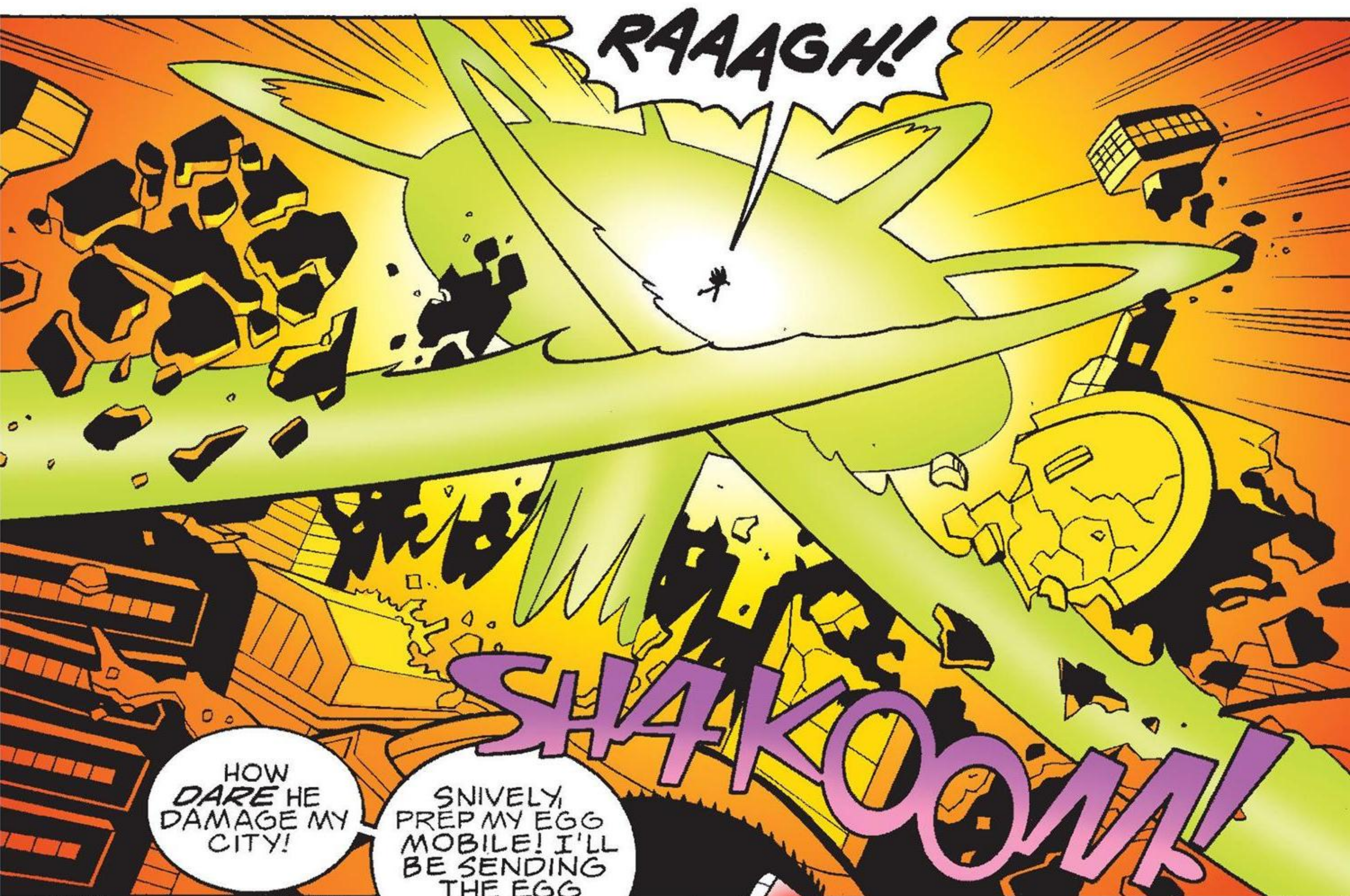
I MAY BE DOWN
TO THOSE LAST FEW
EGG GRAPES, BUT
THE POWER I SAP
FROM ENERJAK WILL
BE MORE THAN ENOUGH
FOR MY NEXT BIG
PROJECT!

WHILE I
HATE TO
INTERRUPT
YOUR MID-
VICTORIOUS
RANT...

...I FOUND A
STOWAWAY
FROM NEW
MOBO-
TROPOLIS.

GOOD
AFTERNOON,
DR. ROBOTNIK.
GOOD TO SEE
YOU AGAIN.





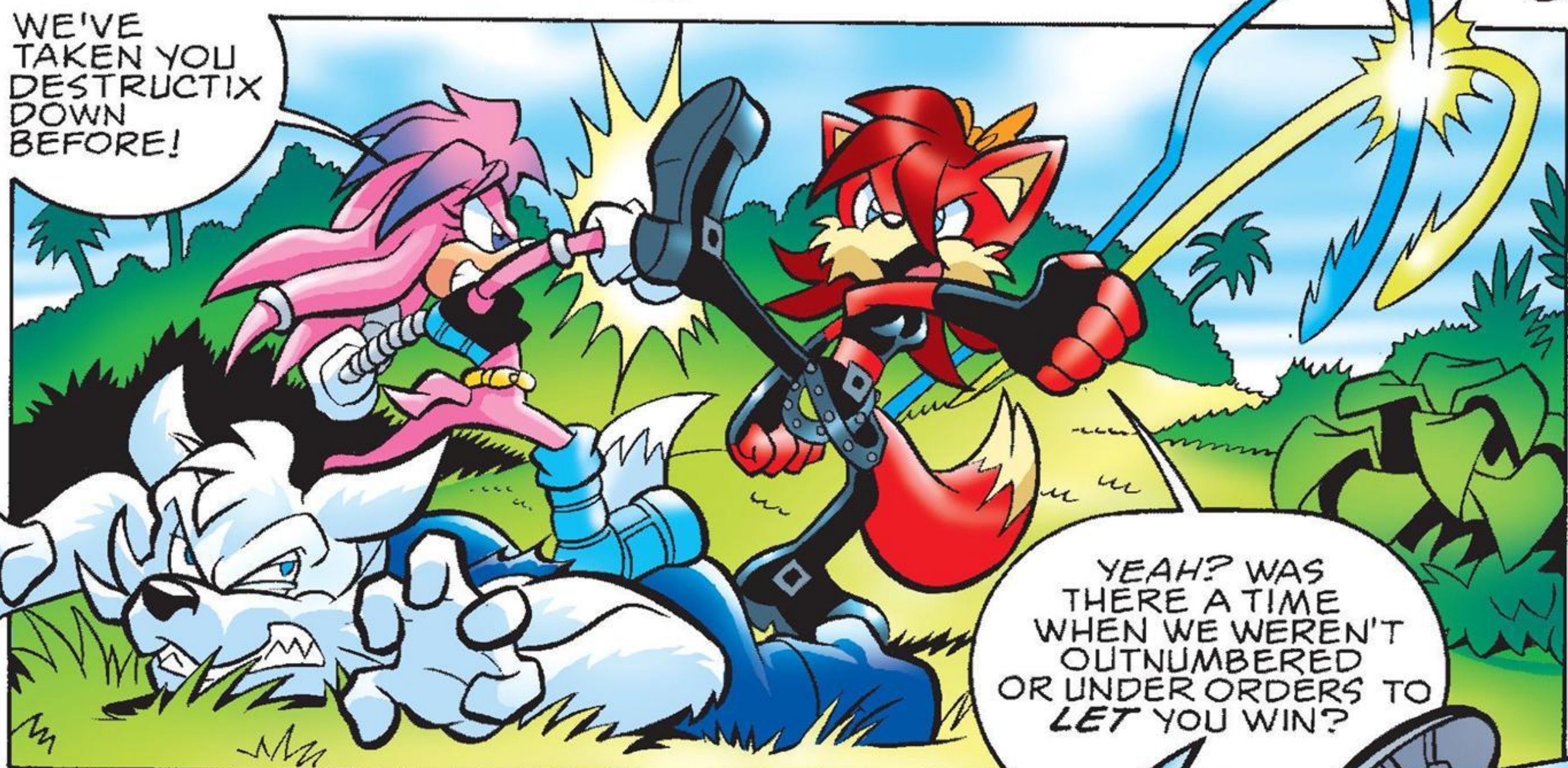
NOW NO ONE
CAN STOP
ENERJAK!



I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN BETTER
WHEN DR. FINITEVUS
SAID YOU WERE
REFORMED
MERCENARIES!*

*BACK IN
STH # 171,
REMEMBER?*

WE'VE
TAKEN YOU
DESTRUCTIX
DOWN
BEFORE!



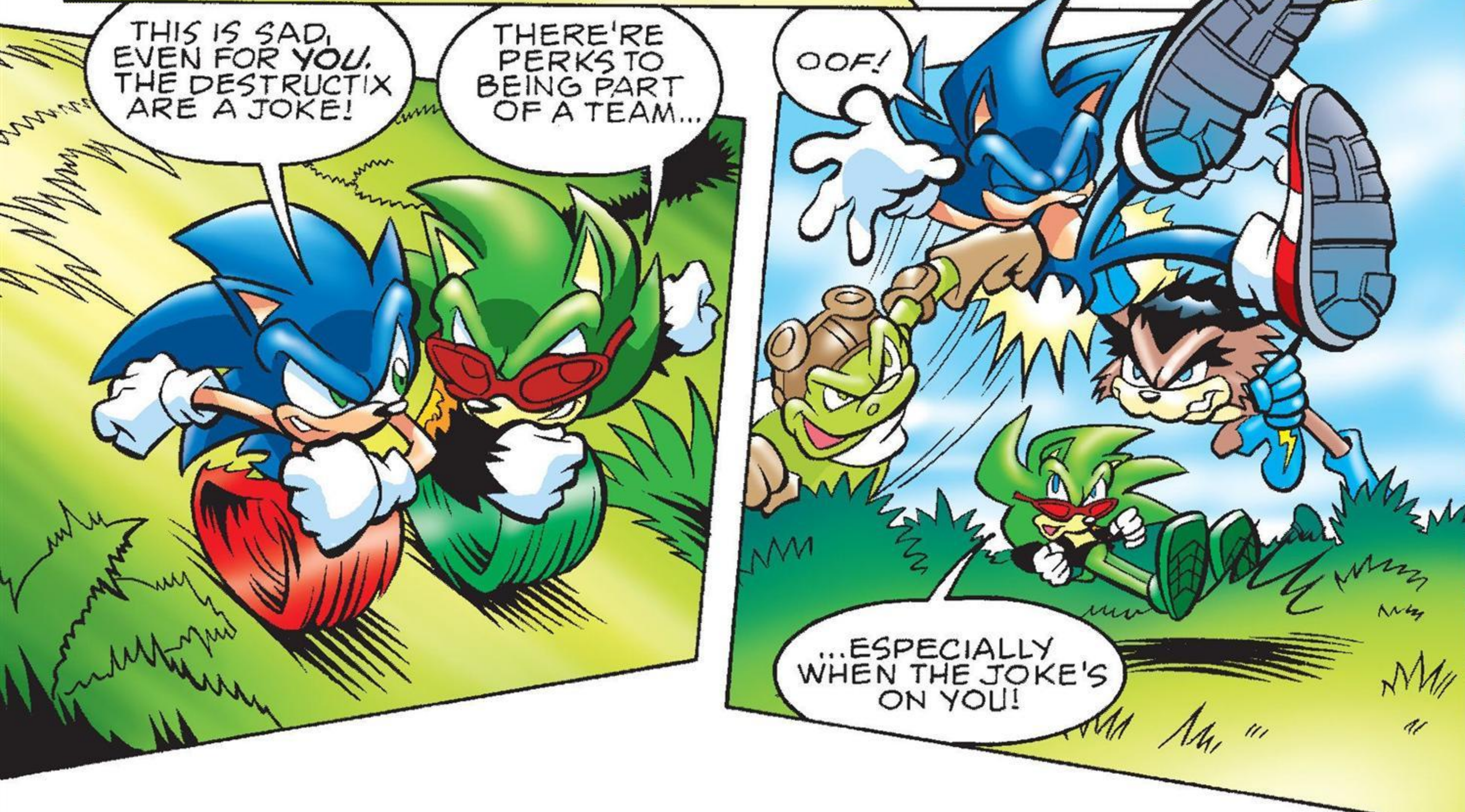
YEAH? WAS
THERE A TIME
WHEN WE WEREN'T
OUTNUMBERED
OR UNDER ORDERS TO
LET YOU WIN?

THIS IS SAD,
EVEN FOR YOU,
THE DESTRUCTIX
ARE A JOKE!

THERE'RE
PERKS TO
BEING PART
OF A TEAM...

OOF!

...ESPECIALLY
WHEN THE JOKE'S
ON YOU!



YOU'RE A GUARDIAN
LIKE KNUCKLES, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU USE
YOUR CHAOS POWERS
ON THESE GUYS?

I
CAN'T.

WHY
NOT?

DR. FINITEVUS
HAS BLOCKED
MY LINK TO THE
MASTER EMERALD,
AND I'M NOT
ABLE TO PULL FROM
THE CHAOS FORCE
LIKE KNUCKLES.

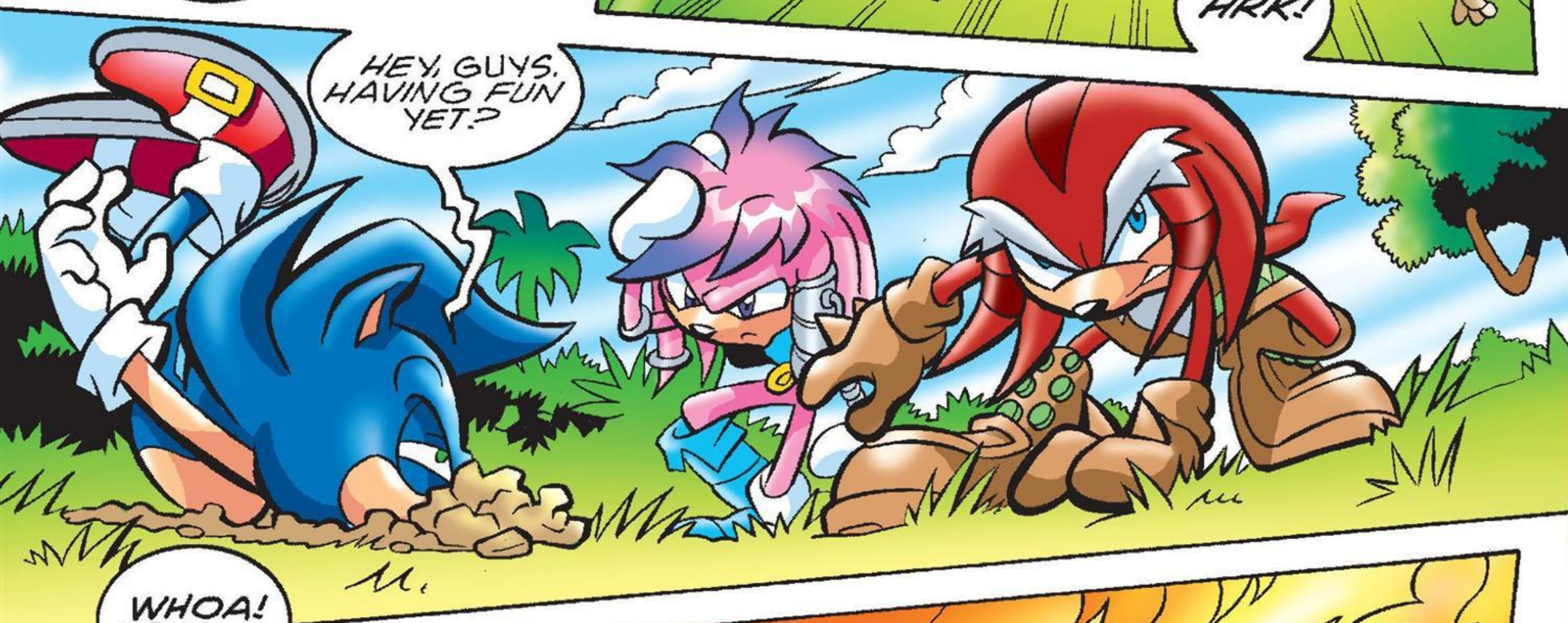
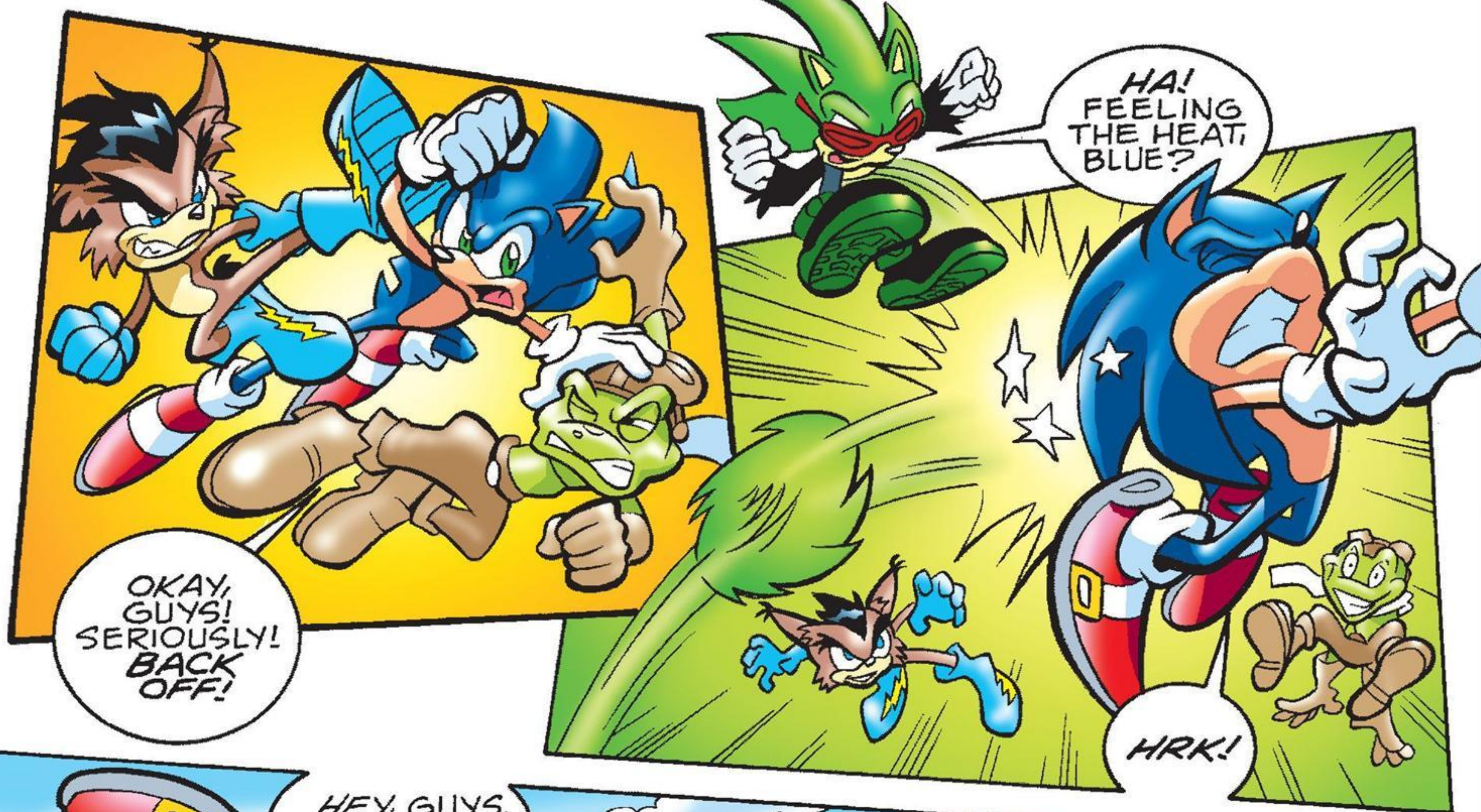
AND JUST HOW
DID THAT CREEP
GET CLOSE TO
THE MASTER
EMERALD?

I HAD TO FIND MY
FOREFATHERS! IF
KNUCKLES HAD ONLY
PERFORMED HIS
DUTY--!

AND THAT
EXCUSES
YOU FROM
ABANDONING
YOURS?!

AAH!

AUGH!



MOMENTS
LATER...

REMINDE
ME--THE
FIRE-
BREATHING
ANT IS...?
...?

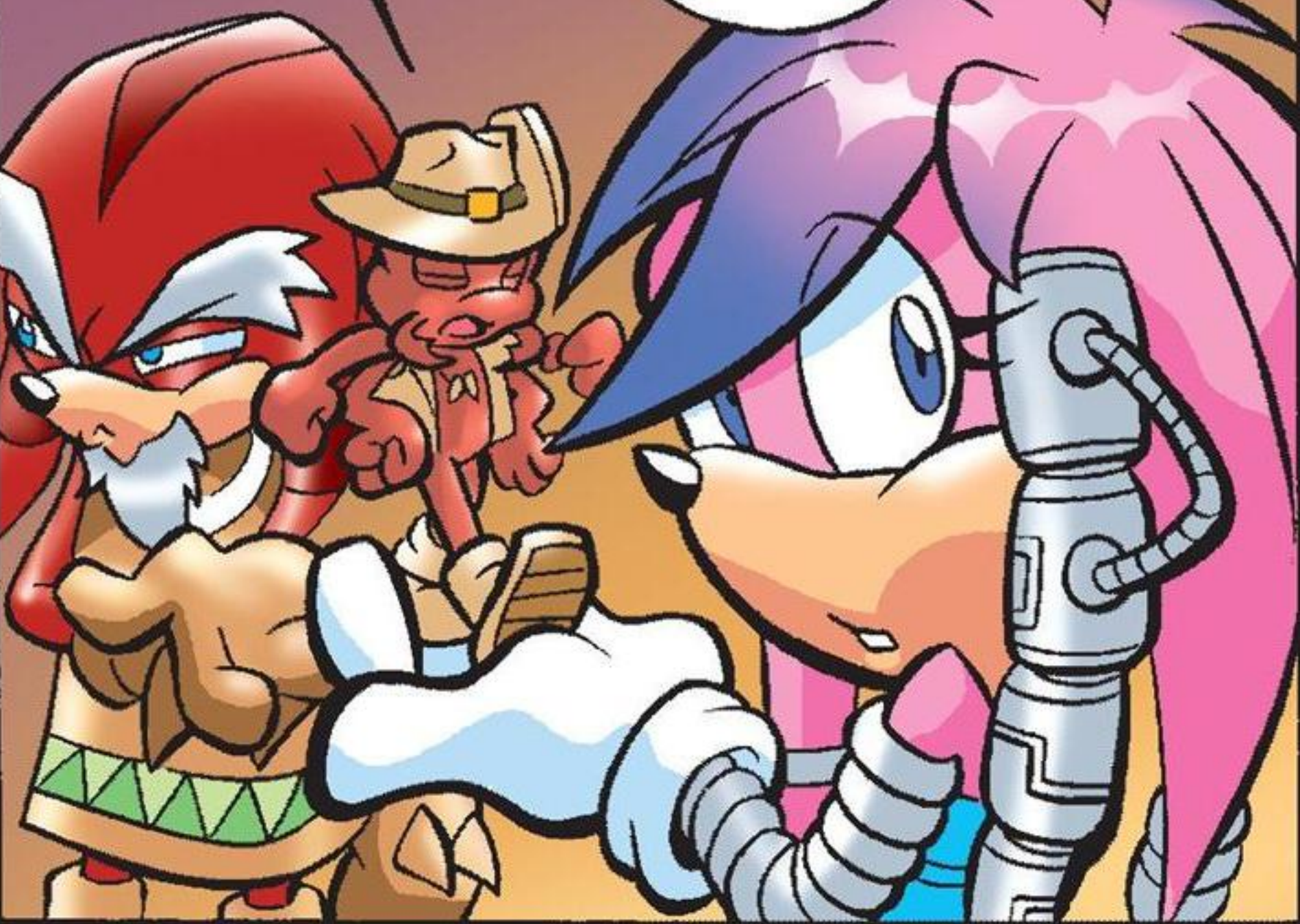
ARCHIMEDES,
A FORMER
MENTOR OF
MINE...

AND
KNUCKLES!



THE DESTRUCTIX WILL
BE ON TOP OF US ANY
MINUTE NOW.
WE SHOULD...

FIND THE
WEAPON
?



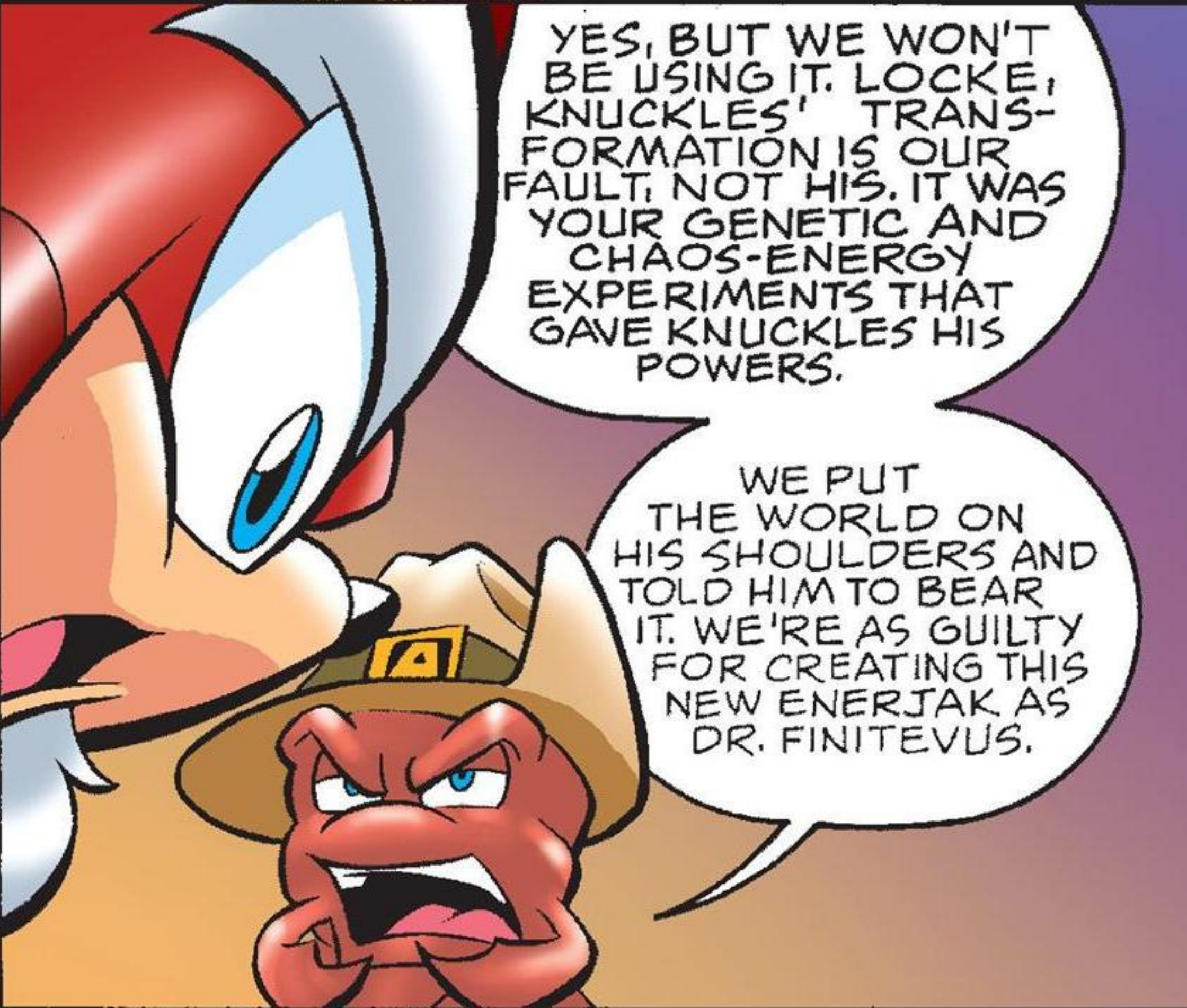
AND A RECURRING
VOICE OF REASON,
I'D LIKE TO THINK.

HELLO,
OLD FRIEND.
IS THE
WEAPON
SAFE?



YES, BUT WE WON'T
BE USING IT. LOCKE,
KNUCKLES' TRANS-
FORMATION IS OUR
FAULT, NOT HIS. IT WAS
YOUR GENETIC AND
CHAOS-ENERGY
EXPERIMENTS THAT
GAVE KNUCKLES HIS
POWERS.

WE PUT
THE WORLD ON
HIS SHOULDERS AND
TOLD HIM TO BEAR
IT. WE'RE AS GUILTY
FOR CREATING THIS
NEW ENERJAK AS
DR. FINITEVUS.



'CAUSE I
DID THAT.
WHAT? YOU
GUYS WERE
BUSY
TALKING,
SO I
GRABBED
IT.



HOLD IT, SONIC.
DOCTOR FINITEVUS
HIRED US TO KEEP
YOU FROM USING
THAT WEAPON ON
HIS PRECIOUS
ENERJAK.

OOOOOOOOOH!
WELL, IF THAT'S
THE CASE...

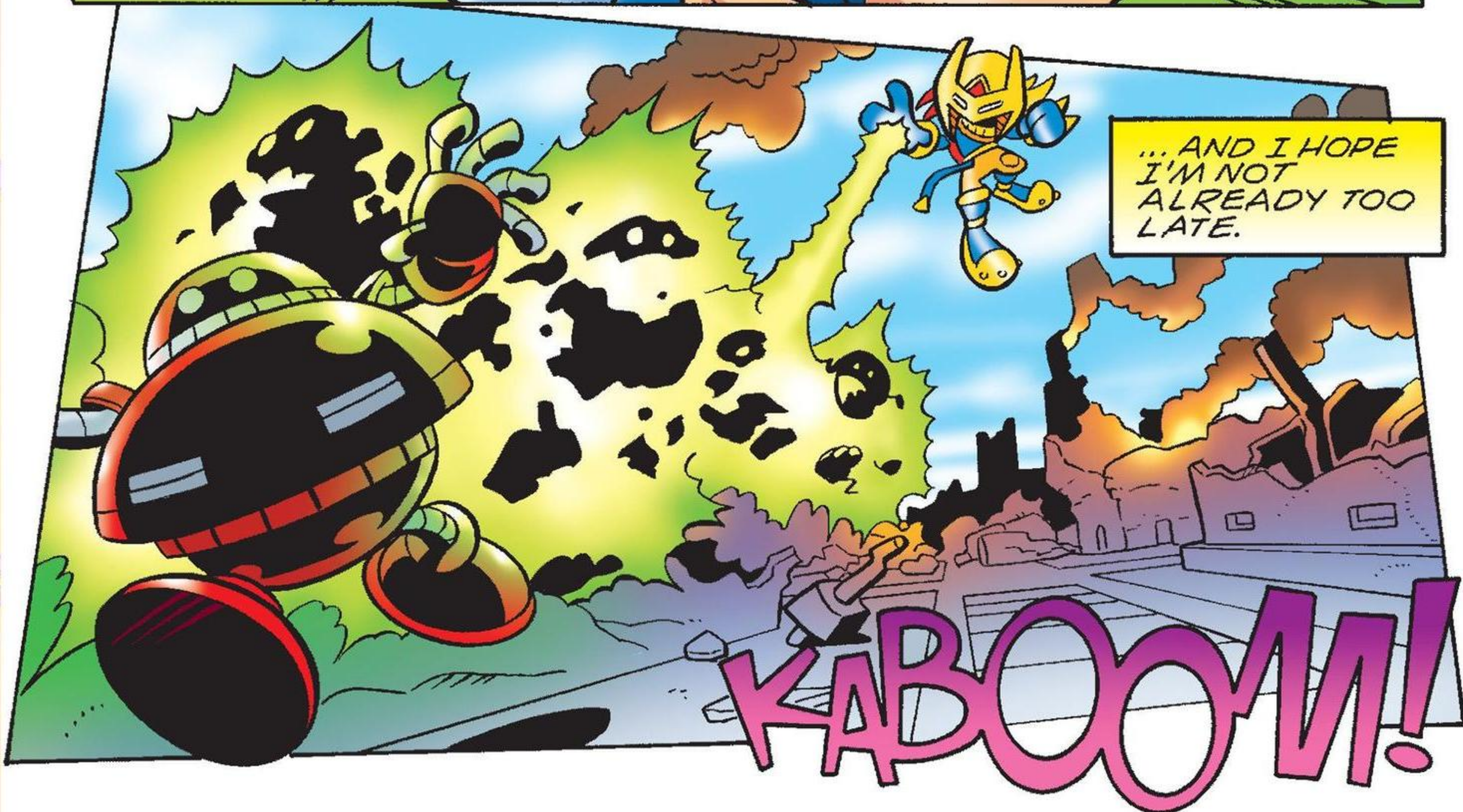
I HOPE YOU
GUYS AREN'T
PLANNING ON
CHARGING FOR
OVERTIME.
ARE WE DONE
HERE?

I--I
SUPPOSE
SO.

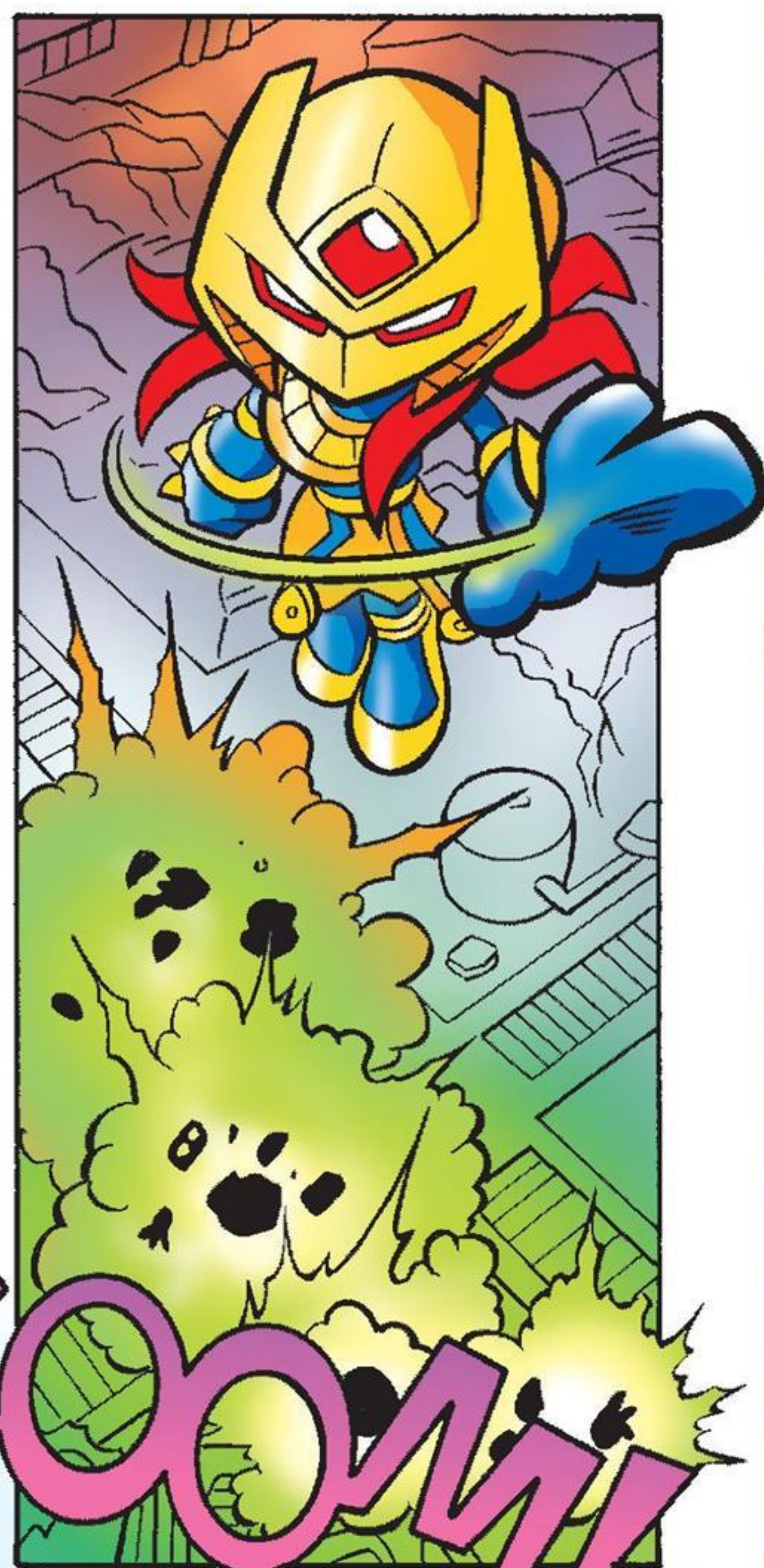
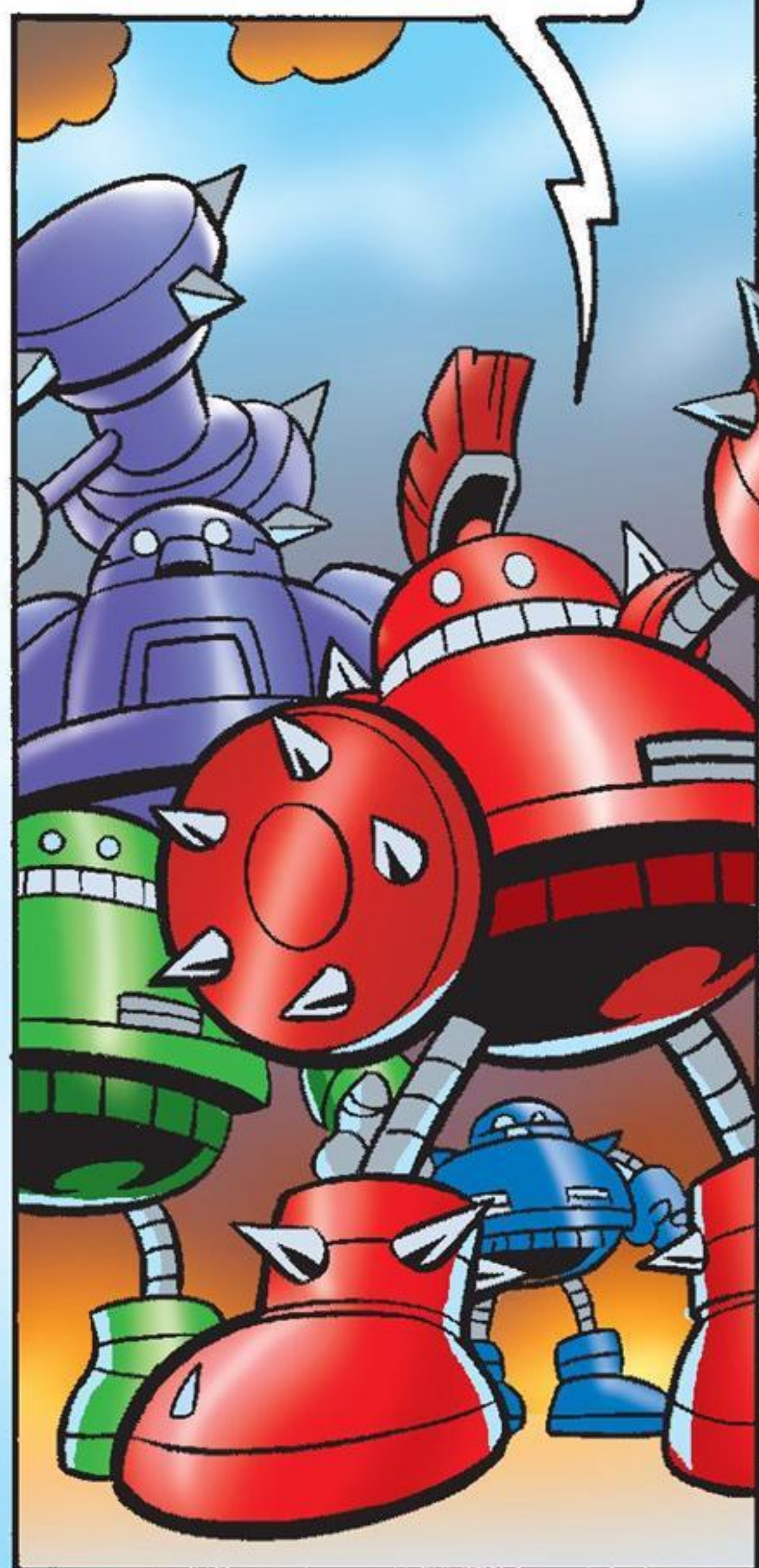
...DESTRUCTIX,
FALL BACK.

PSSHT!
IT WAS
MY IDEA TO
SMASH IT IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.

YOU IDIOT!
THAT WAS
THE ONLY
OPTION WE
HAD LEFT
!!!



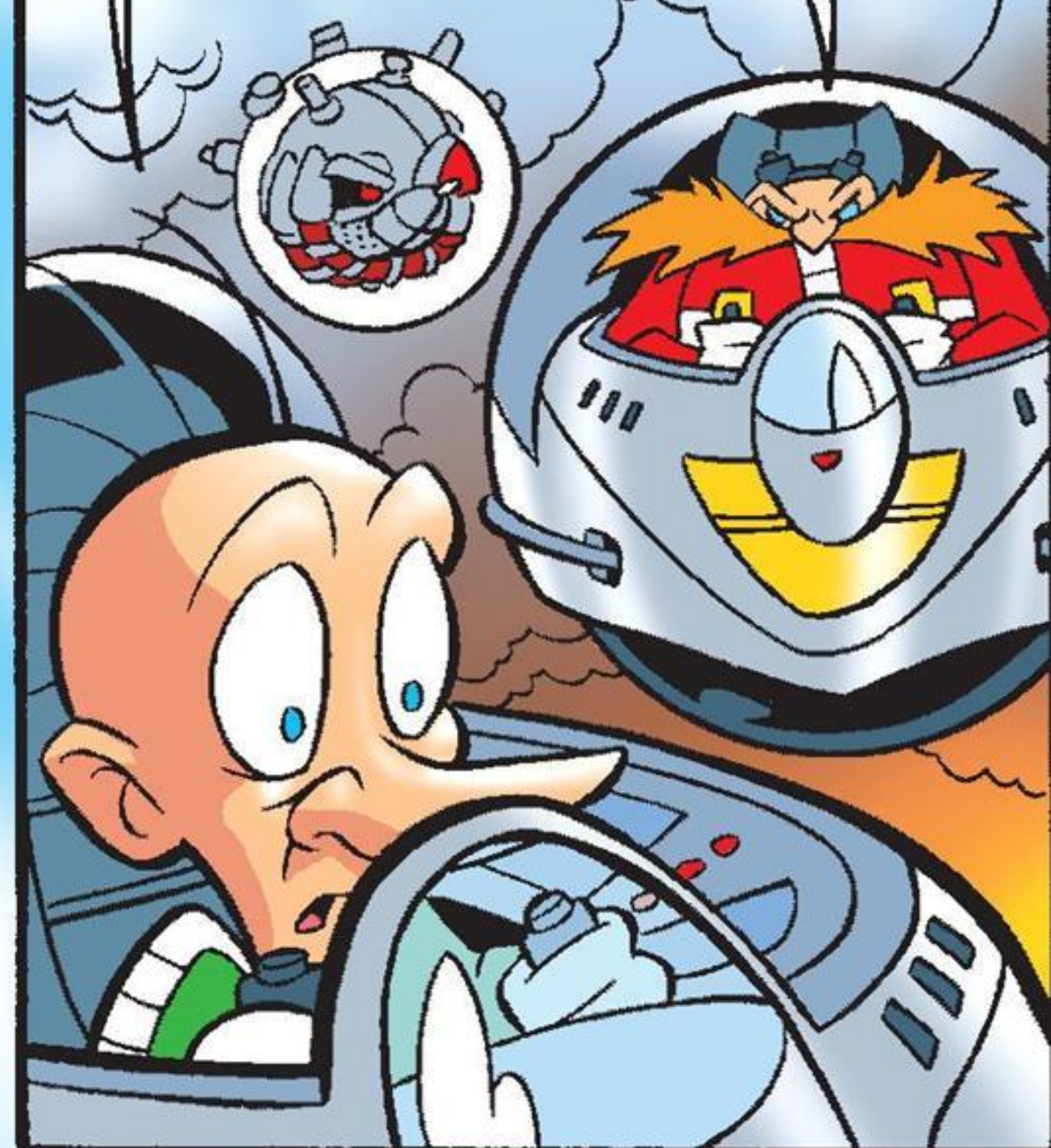
ONWARD, BADNIK
HORDE! VANQUISH
ALL IN THE NAME
OF THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE!



SIR, WE'VE LOST OVER
NINETY PERCENT OF
OUR GROUND FORCES.
MOST OF THE OUTLYING
CITY IS... GONE.

WE'VE...
LOST.

NOT YET,
SNIVELY.
THERE'S
STILL THE
EGG FLEET.



THERE
WON'T BE
ENOUGH LEFT
OF ENERJAK
TO FILL
A PETRI
DISH.



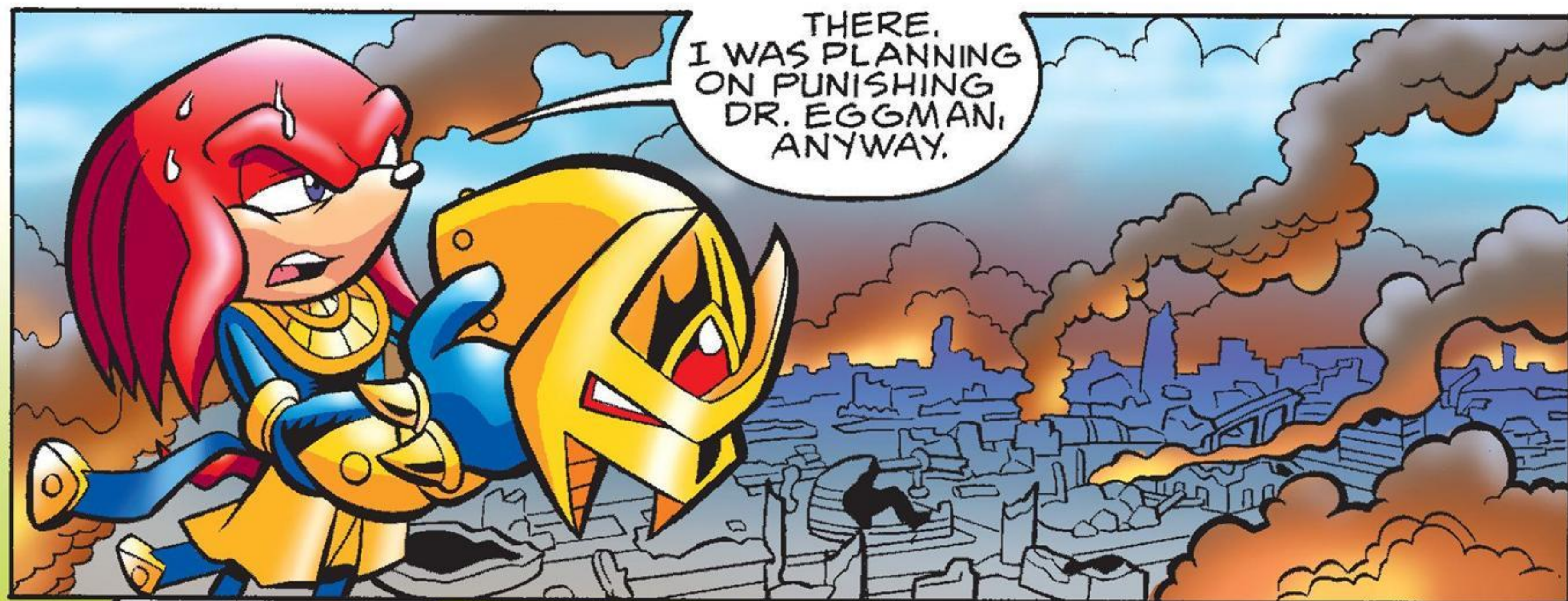


STOP!

RETURN.

DOCTOR,
I THINK
IT'S TIME
WE GOT
TO YOUR
BUNKER.

I-I-I...
YES.





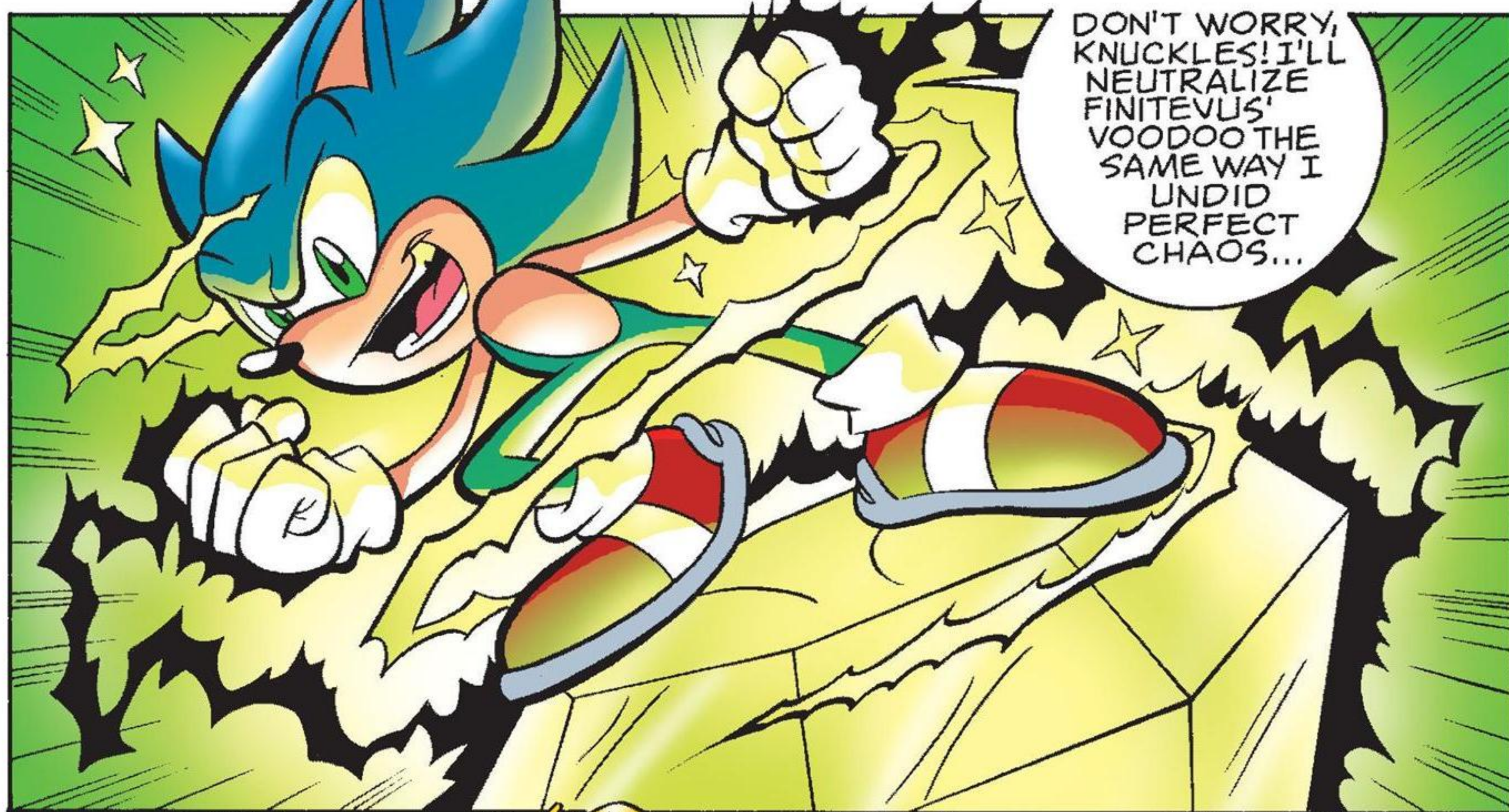
THAT
WILL BE
ENOUGH
OF THAT,
GUYS!

WHAM



STOP!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

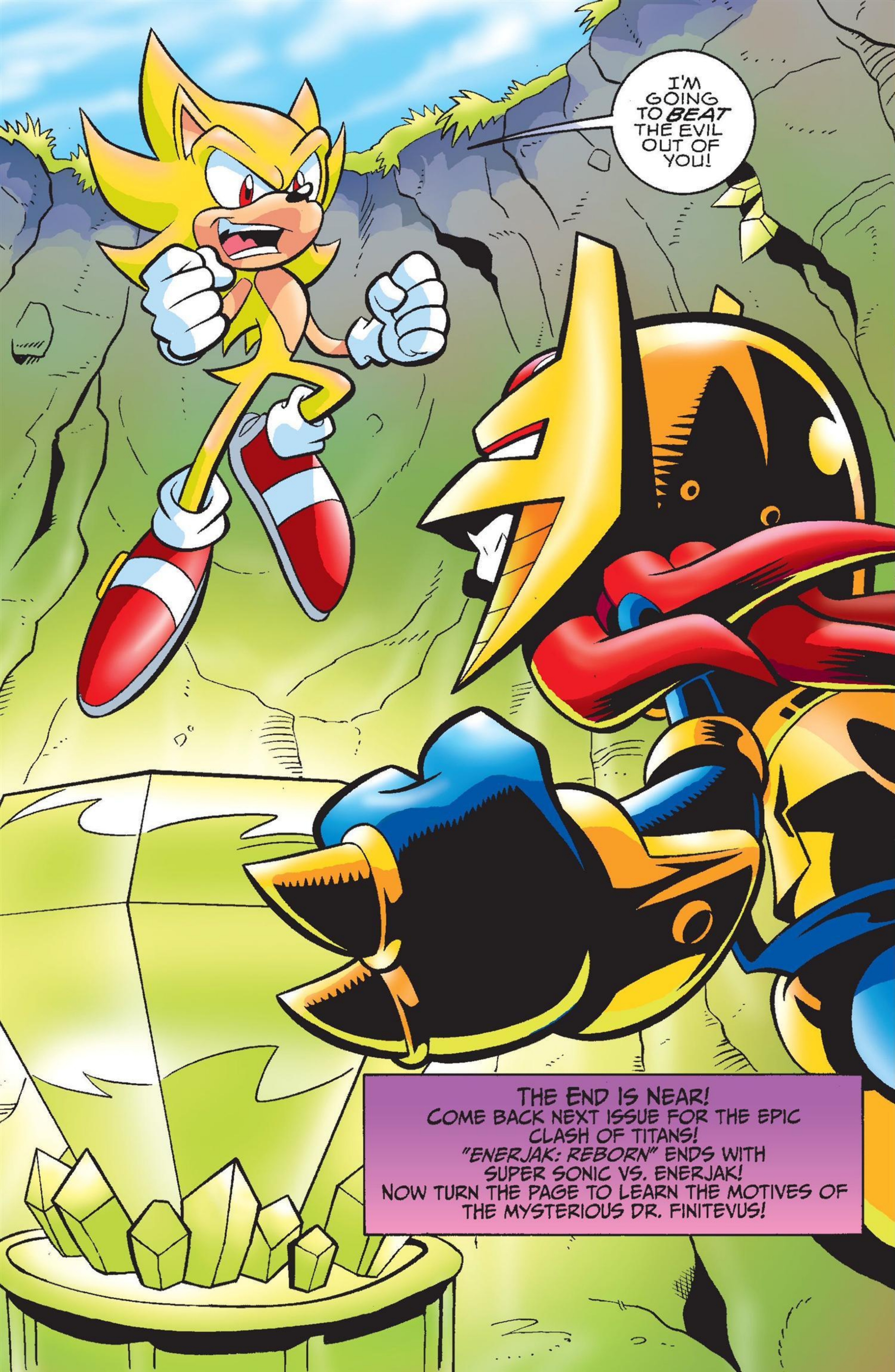
SOMETHING
SCOURGE
TRIED NOT
TOO LONG
AGO.



DON'T WORRY,
KNUCKLES! I'LL
NEUTRALIZE
FINITEVUS'
VOODOO THE
SAME WAY I
UNDID
PERFECT
CHAOS...



THIS
MAY BE
JUST WHAT
I NEED.



I'M
GOING
TO **BEAT**
THE EVIL
OUT OF
YOU!

THE END IS NEAR!
COME BACK NEXT ISSUE FOR THE EPIC
CLASH OF TITANS!
"ENERJAK: REBORN" ENDS WITH
SUPER SONIC VS. ENERJAK!
NOW TURN THE PAGE TO LEARN THE MOTIVES OF
THE MYSTERIOUS DR. FINITEVUS!

ashes and dust

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HOURS
EARLIER...

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
WITH THE
MASTER
EMERALD,
SCOURGE?

WHOA! DOC
FINITEVUS!

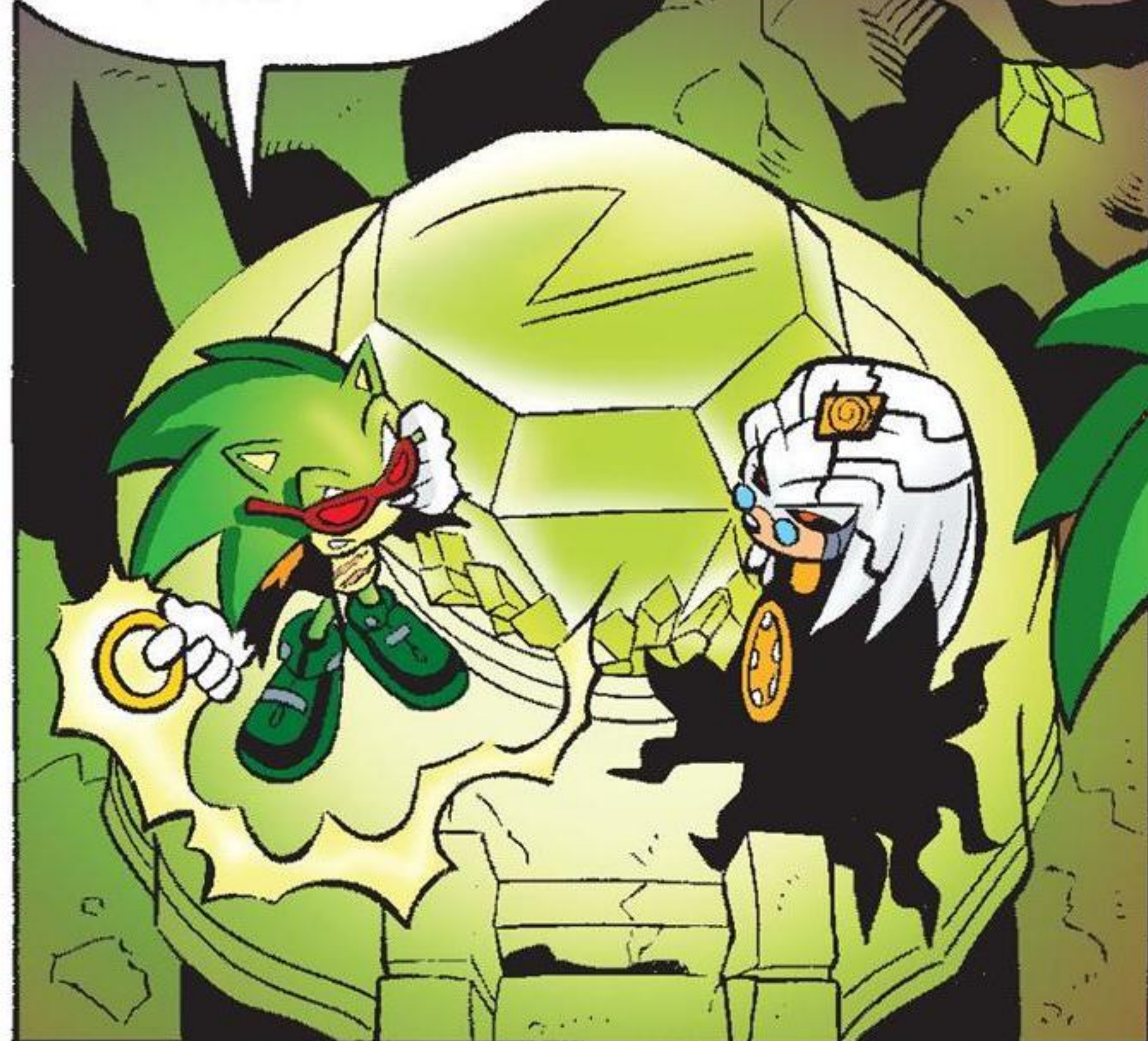
NO WORRIES.
I'M JUST
CHARGING UP
THIS WARP
RING AS A
"JUST-IN-
CASE."

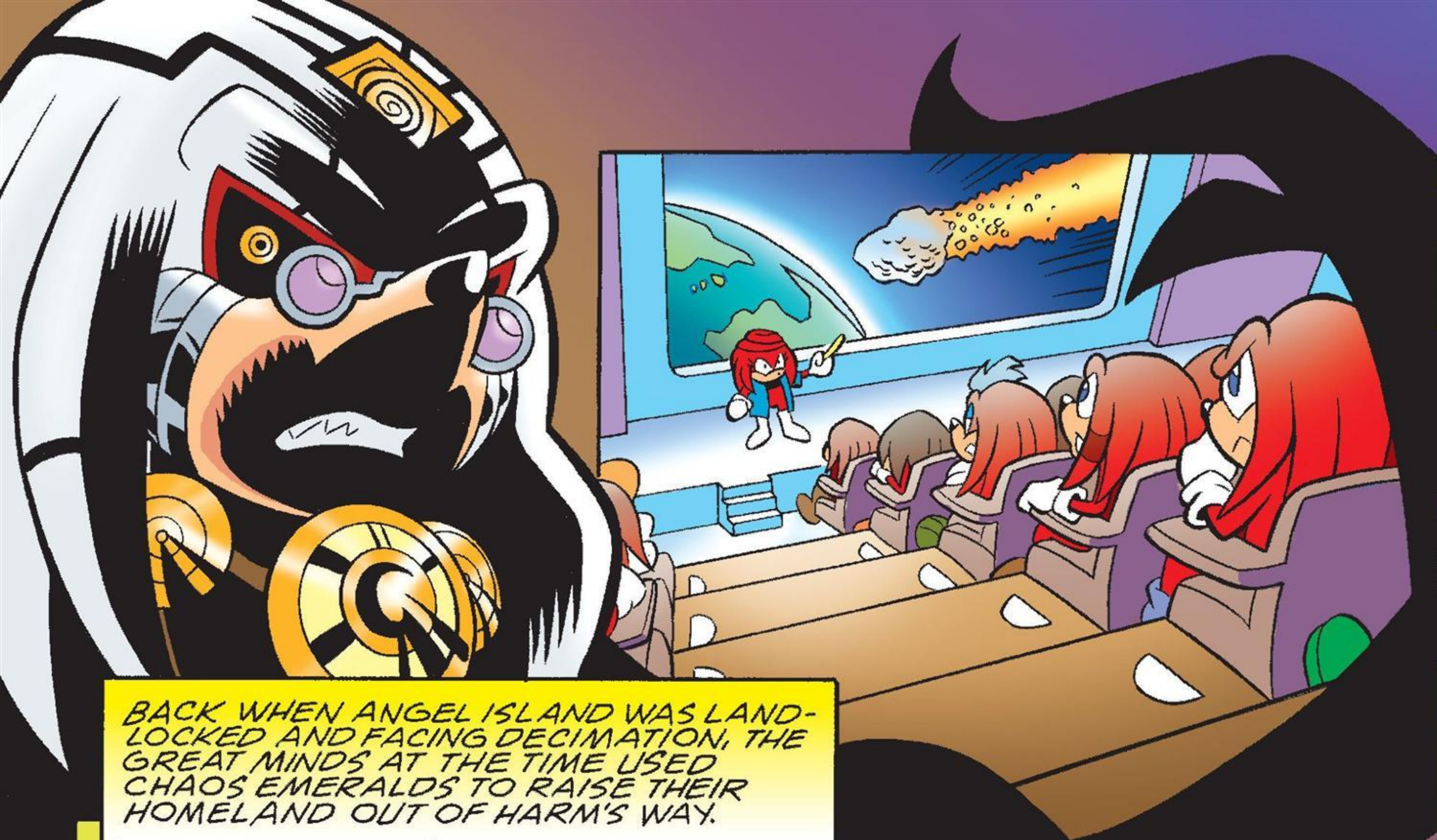
Y'KNOW...
IF YOUR
ENERJAK
PLAN
GOES
SOUTH.

I
SEE.

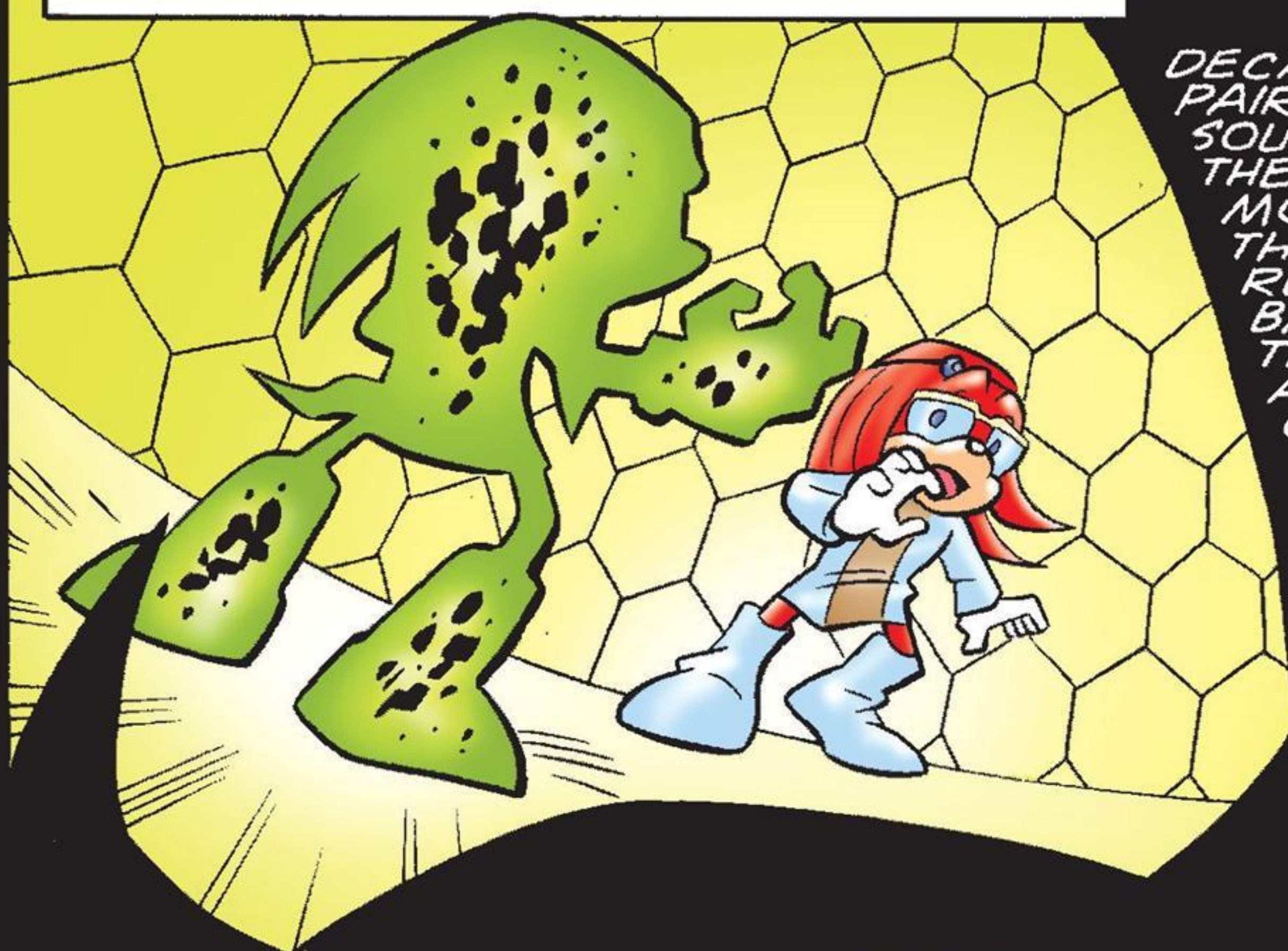
NOT LIKE I **GET**
YOUR PLAN, OR
WHAT IT'S ALL
ABOUT, OR WHAT-
EVER.

WHAT IT'S
"ABOUT"
DATES BACK
HUNDREDS
OF YEARS...





BACK WHEN ANGEL ISLAND WAS LAND-LOCKED AND FACING DECIMATION, THE GREAT MINDS AT THE TIME USED CHAOS EMERALDS TO RAISE THEIR HOMELAND OUT OF HARM'S WAY.



DECADES LATER, A PAIR OF BROTHERS SOUGHT TO RETURN THE ISLAND TO MOBIUS. WHEN THEIR LEADERS REFUSED, ONE BACKED DOWN. THE OTHER'S ACTIONS WOULD GIVE RISE TO ENERJAK...

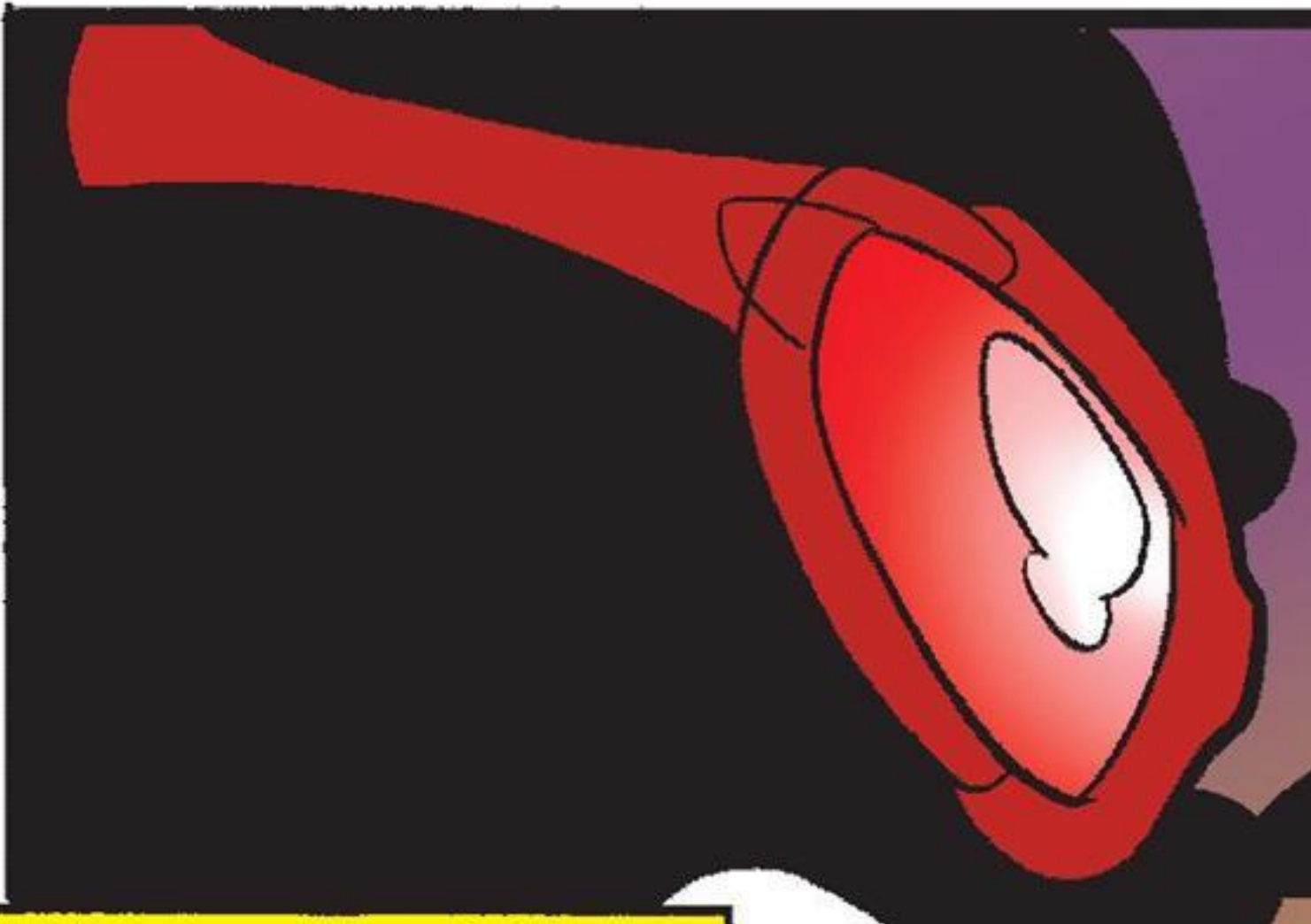
...AND LATER SET THEIR SONS AGAINST EACH OTHER. ONE MAN'S ARROGANCE GAVE RISE TO THE FIRST GUARDIAN OF THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE FIRST GRANDMASTER OF THE DARK LEGION.





COUNTLESS
ECHIDNA
FAMILIES
WOULD
HAVE
THEIR
LIVES
AFFECTED
BY THIS
BLOOD
FEUD.

THE SQUABBLING
HAS CROSSED TIME
AND SPACE, GROWING
MORE CONVOLUTED
WITH EACH
GENERATION.



SEVENTEEN
GENERATIONS
OF GUARDIANS
AND FIVE GRAND-
MASTERS HAVE
RESULTED IN
NOTHING.

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
WITH THE
DARK LEGION?

MY TIME WITH
THE DARK
LEGION WAS A
RUSE TO GET
ME CLOSE TO
WHAT I
NEEDED.

THERE, I COULD STUDY
HOW THE BLOODLINE
COULD CHANNEL CHAOS
ENERGIES. MORITORI
REX WAS OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST DUE
TO HIS TIME HIDING AS
A GUARDIAN.

I DISASSEMBLED
DIMITRI'S ROBOT
BODY TO LEARN
WHAT I COULD,
WHILE THE
BATTLE-
RAGGED
BROTHER-
HOOD...

...PROVED
INVALUABLE.

ONCE I'D LEARNED ALL I COULD, I
TOSSED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE OLD
MEN INTO THE TWILIGHT ZONE. I
THOUGHT IT A FITTING PLACE, SINCE
THE DARK LEGION HAD BEEN JAILED
THERE ON SO MANY OCCASIONS.



I PLANNED ON USING
ONE OF DIMITRI'S
DESCENDANTS FOR
ENERJAK. LIEN-DA HAD
THE DRIVE, BUT WAS HARD
TO CONTROL. SO I RESCUED
REMINGTON FROM
DR. EGGMAN AND BEGAN TO
MOLD HIM.

BUT...YOU'RE
USING KNUCKLES?
AND WHY GO TO
THE TROUBLE OF
BRINGING BACK
ENERJAK
AT ALL?

I'D FOUND
THAT KNUCKLES HAD
THE STRONGEST LINK
TO THE CHAOS FORCE.
HE JUST NEEDED...
CONVINCING.

AS FOR ENERJAK...IT ALL
BEGAN WITH THAT ENTITY,
AND SO IT SHALL BE
ENDED BY HIM. WITH MY
HELP, HE WILL FINISH THIS
CORRUPT LITTLE
FAMILY...

...AND THEN
THE WORLD.
FROM THE FILTH OF
DR. EGGMAN
AND THE HUMANS'
TECHNOLOGY TO
THE HOPELESSLY
LOST MOBIANS.

ALL
WILL BE
CLEANSED
IN A WAVE
OF EMERALD
FIRE.

WILL
DR. FINITEVUS' PLANS SUCCEED?
WHAT
IS SCOURGE PLOTTING WITH HIS WARP RING?
COME BACK
NEXT MONTH FOR THE PLANET-SHAKING FINALE!